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29 July 1968

Mr. John A. McCone

612 South Flower Street

90017 Los Angeles, California

Dear John:

This will acknowledge your letter of 18 July 1968.

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Unfortunately, my schedule will not permit joining you much as I would like to do so. I have asked Carl Duckett to make the necessary arrangements, and he will be with you on that date. If you develop any reactions to your visit, I would appreciate having them.

Always cordially,

Richard Helms

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Mr. John A. McCone 612 South Flower Street Los Angeles, California 90017

Dear John:

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In view of your deep personal involvement with the incention of the program presently under way at I consider his invitation eminently appropriate. Perhaps you will wish to comment on the progress to date.

Unfortunately my schedule precludes the possibility of joining you. Accordingly, I am asking Carl Duckett to make the arrangements.

I enjoyed seeing Dick and feel the interchange was quite fruitful.

Sincerely)

Richard Helms Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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John McCone

1. Attached is a letter for your signature in reply to Mr. McCone.

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2. I do not anticipate that Mr. McCone will make a technical contribution. We just might be able to take some advantage of his personal relationship with at some future date should the program run into difficulties there. While there are no compelling problems with at the moment, I have not been there for several months and it would be quite appropriate for me to make such a visit in August. I would plan to take along one or two officers who are active in this project.

Carl E. Duckétt
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: John McCone

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i. I certainly see no objection to Mr. McCone's proposed visit but I also fail to see any purpose in it insofar as we're concerned. I don't think it is necessary for the Director or myself to go with him but it may be that you or would like to make the visit.

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2. Please route your comment for DCI via me. If I'm not here, as seems likely to be the case, just let me have an info copy of what you say. I also think it would be nice if you would prepare an appropriate reply for the DCI to sign to Mr. McCone.

Rufus L. Taylor
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Deputy Director

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17 July 1968

Mr. John Alex McCone 612 South Flower Street Los Angeles, California

90017

Dear John:

of your letter some weeks ago, I finally had a most pleasant and useful lunch on Monday of this week with deed as you describe.

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I hope all goes well with you.

Cordially,

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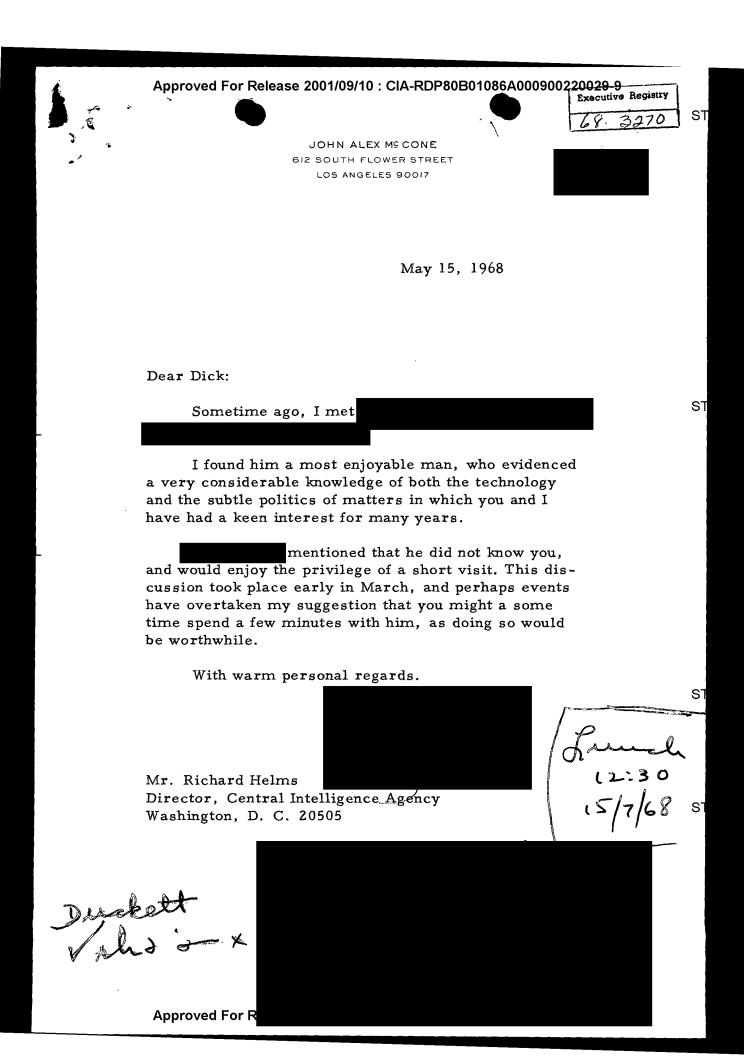
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July 18, 1968

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Dear Dick:

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Some time ago I wrote you and told you that I had run into and he expressed a desire to meet you. Yesterday he called me, saying that the meeting had taken place, and he was both appreciative and gratified.

He went on to ask me to visit his plant, and said that he had proposed this to you, and that my doing so was quite agreeable to you.

A visit would interest me, and my schedule is such that I could arrange this on Tuesday, August 13, when en route to Boston for an ITT Board meeting. However, I will not do this until I hear from you, and, also, feel it would be wrong for me to make such a visit unless you or one of your senior people could accompany me.

I am all too familiar with the complications and intrigue in his area of interest, and, while I feel it is important to keep abreast of developments --particularly those in which I had a very special interest --a visit by me should be made only if doing so will be helpful, and you must be the judge of this.

Let me have your views, and I sincerely hope that, if a visit is in order, we can make it together, as it would be intensely interesting.

With warm personal regards.

The Honorable Richard Helms

Director

Central Intelligence Agency

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